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## Letter from Anna Clemson to Elias Baker, 1864 September 28

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September 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sir,

Yours, of the 28<sup>th</sup>, has just arrived. If you paid me in \$5 notes, it is all right. I thought you gave me a \$50, & finding but one, old one, I was puzzled, became between paying out, & getting in, a good deal lately, I did not know how much I had. I knew none was lost, & that you were accurate, so wrote to satisfy my mind.

I think it would be much best, if you could pay the money, instead of the bond, even if you desire to retain the memorandum, as it is, but all that I leave to you. As to the paper, from Mr. C., you would get that quicker, if I go, than if I stay here - indeed, from past experience, we don't seem likely to

get it at all unless I do go. As to going, I am working hard for a pep. I went in Monday, & stand over night, & put the matter in good train, I think, & in good hands. They are giving us paper just at present, but I am first on the list, when they do. I hope I may get away between the ~~fifteenth~~ & last of next month, (October,) & I am in hope to persuade Florida to remain, tho she is very reluctant to do so. She is not as much improved, as I could wish, & I think it very important, she should remain for at least six months longer near the oculist.

As to the Home, I am glad to hear such good accounts, & am sure you will never lose by it, in any event - Mr Crawford, & Dr King, both spoke to me of Mr Bartholomew's desire to purchase

& Mr C. said he had written you, & begged me to mention, that Mr Bartholomew was willing to purchase, with the leases on it, & wished you to set a price - Set it in gold, or its equivalent, as the constant variation in paper, make it a very uncertain standard - I think \$12.000, in gold, would be a moderate price, as lands are selling, but I can learn of Mr Fisher what land is selling at, if you desire. Set me know. I hope you are improving in health, as much as you were when here. I was very sorry she missed you. She had a very pleasant time with Miss Lane.

Our love to Aunt H. Anne, Sarah, & Sylvester.

Yours truly

Anna C. Benson